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TRUCK PARKS  
ROUTE 15, NORTH VIETNAM  
1759N 10550E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A LARGE AREA CONTAINING TRUCK PARKS  
ALONG ROUTE 15, NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

THE TRUCK PARKS ARE LOCATED ALONG ROUTE 15 IN THE VICINITY OF  
THANH LANG XA (1759N 10551E), 3.5 NM SOUTH OF BAI DUC THON.

3. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 15 AND ROUTE 12, ITS  
EXTENSION TO THE JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 23 IN LAOS, IS THE BEGINNING OF  
THE SUPPLY ROUTE FOR TROOPS IN SOUTHERN LAOS. ROUTE 15 IS AN IMPORTANT  
ROUTE CONNECTING ROUTE 1A IN NORTH VIETNAM WITH THE LAOTIAN HIGHWAY  
NETWORK IN THE SOUTHERN PANHANDLE REGION. THIS 82-MILE ROUTE HAS A  
SURFACE OF IMPROVED EARTH AND GRAVEL, GENERALLY IN FAIR CONDITION.  
SURFACE WIDTHS VARY FROM TWELVE TO TWENTY FEET. OFF ROAD DISPERSAL  
AND MOVEMENT ARE AFFECTED BY FLOODS IN THE LOWLANDS AND BY LANDSLIDES  
AND DENSE FORESTS IN THE MOUNTAIN AREAS.

4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED], REVEALS AT LEAST THIRTY-EIGHT PROBABLE  
CARGO TRUCKS (TWENTY-TWO SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) ALONG ROUTE 15 BETWEEN

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GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
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1752N 10548E AND 1759N 10550E. SEVEN APPARENTLY EMPTY TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED IN THE THANH LANG XA AREA IN PARKING AREAS AMONG THE TREES -- THREE ARE ON THE WEST SIDE OF ROUTE 15 AND FOUR ARE IN A TRUCK PARK 0.1 NM EAST OF ROUTE 15. AN ADDITIONAL FIFTEEN TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED ONE NM WEST OF THE THANH LANG XA AREA DISPERSED AMONG THE TREES -- TWELVE ARE IN A TRUCK PARK AND THREE ARE PARKED ON ROUTE 15.

(NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) ELEVEN TRUCKS APPEAR TO BE LOADED AND HEADING SOUTH ON ROUTE 15 AT UTM WE855758 AND FIVE OTHERS ARE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE ADJACENT AREA.

THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF A SERVICEABLE RAIL SPUR FROM THE VINH-DONG HOI RAIL LINE IS VISIBLE ON THE GRAPHIC.

UTM COORDINATES ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L701, SHEETS 6164I, II.

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